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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/758,894	MARSHALL ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	George Manuel	3762	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-7 and 16-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 8-15 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>1/16/04</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 1-4, 6, 16-20, 25, 26, 28, 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Halperin et al '434.

Halperin et al disclose a lead body 12 comprising a sensor capsule 20. The examiner is considering a first lumen to comprise pin lumen 38 and inner coiled wire conductor 16 to comprise a first conductor. Feed-through pin 80 is considered a high voltage electrode coupled to the conductor wire16.

Regarding claim 16,nose element 78 provides a slot interlocking the distal projection of sensor capsule 20.

Regarding claims 18 and 19, urethane covering 82 provides an outer tube including an opening approximately aligned with the window comprising diaphragm 54.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5, 7, 21-24, 27 and 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Halperin et al '434.

Regarding claims 5 and 27, one of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to reduce the voltage coupled to the IC chip 64 because it is well known IC chips require low voltage and high voltages are well known to damage the intricate circuits within the chips.

Regarding claim 7, one of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to provide a fluid infusion tube to medicate a heart to increase cardiac pressure adjacent to diaphragm 54 while monitoring a cardiac chamber pressure because it is well known to infuse a patient suffering from heart failure.

Regarding claims 21-24 and 31-33, one of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to provide a the electrical connections supporting the elements 62 and 64 with a bus to allow for ease of manufacture and for access to testing the sensor unit 20.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The claimed features of a second lumen and a second open-sided channel extending along the middle portion as claimed are not shown by the prior art of record nor rendered obvious.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ishio et al '389 disclose a related pressure sensor adaptable for use with a medical lead.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Manuel whose telephone number is (571) 272-4952.


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Art Unit: 3762

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